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GRAND RECEPTION LAST NIGHT
GIVES IT A FORMAL START.

A Fashionable Ball this Evening Will
Give the Young Folks a Chance
to Enjoy Themselves.

The formal opening of Hotel Latham occurred last evening and will be continued with a fashionable ball to-night.

The reception last evening was somewhat informal. There were no speeches or other formalities. The guests began arriving by eight o'clock and spent the evening in inspecting the splendid appointments and elegant furnishings of the public rooms of the house. The reception committee rendered every assistance and the affair was made as pleasant as possible to the visitors and the guests, numbering about three or four hundred. About ten o'clock refreshments were served in the dining room and ordinary. It was not a set supper, but a cold collation of meats, salads, ices, fruit, etc. It is needless to add that this feature was enjoyed to the fullest extent.

THE HANDSOME DECORATIONS.

The hotel was elaborately decorated with growing plants, cut flowers, smilax and other floral ornaments. An idea of the profuseness of these can be gathered, when it is stated that one out-of-town order for flowers was for 500 roses, 200 carnations and a barrel of smilax. The growing plants, many of them beautiful specimens of palms ferns, etc., were kindly loaned for the occasion by ladies of Hopkinsville.

About two years ago Mr. John C. Latham was visiting Hopkinsville and conceived the idea of building a fine new hotel for his native city. To think is to act with Mr. Latham, and he soon interested Mr. H. C. Gant, Mr. M. C. Forbes and other public spirited citizens in the project. Mr. Latham started the stock subscription with 100 shares of \$100 each, at terwards largely increased. Mr. Forbes took the matter of canvassing in his hands and with some assistance soon had about \$15,000 subscribed by local parties. Forbes & Bro. and Peter Postell, col., took ten shares each. H. C. Gant, C. M. Latham, A. H. Anderson, Polk Cansler, D. R. Beard, R. H. Holland, F. L. Ellis & Co., Ferd Schmitt and H. R. Little took five shares each.

The following gentlemen subscribed from one to four shares each: C. A. Thompson, H. Hopper, Gus Young, F. R. Dryer, Dr. A. Seargent, W. S. Boales, Dr. J. P. Thomas, E. P. Campbell, J. E. McPherson, W. G. Wheeler, E. W. Henderson & Son, Mrs. A. J. McDaniel, Thos. M. Jones, H. Wood, E. M. Flack, J. P. Prowse, Dr. T. W. Blakey, C. H. Layne, R. A. Phelps, col., W. P. Winfree, T. J. Morrow, Wily & Burnett, A. C. Brent, col., Ragdale, Cooper & Co., R. T. Petree, N. L. McKee, G. B. Underwood, W. A. Wilgus, R. M. Woolbridge, & Co., Chas. M. Meacham, E. M. Goode, E. B. Long, R. M. Anderson, G. D. Dalton, W. J. Withers, T. F. Brown, J. I. Landes, Mercer & Moser, John L. Griffith, W. T. Tandy, M. D. Kelly, Dr. J. A. Blum, Blumsted Carriage Co., S. R. Crumbaugh, N. W. Kirkpatrick, col., J. H. Dagg, H. H. Abernathy, F. W. Dabney, N. Town, S. E. Trice, J. B. Gathreath, Dr. Jas. Rodman, Jas. Bresnitz, D. J. Hooper, Dalton Bros. Bonte & Wright, T. C. Williams, Gaither & Wallace, W. S. Elgin and Capt. Lee Howell, of Evansville.

The company was promptly organized, Mr. Latham having increased his subscription until he had a controlling interest in the stock company at once shouldered the entire

responsibility. A directry was then organized to represent his ideas, with H. C. Gant as president and E. M. Flack as his active assistant in superintending and pushing the work. Mr. C. M. Latham also devoted much of his time to representing his brother's interests and ideas, especially in the work of furnishing the completed house. The other directors were Messrs. A. H. Anderson, F. L. Ellis, E. P. Campbell and Hunter Wood, but Messrs. Gant and Flack were understood to be Mr. Latham's personal representatives in bringing the work to a successful completion. Mr. Latham continued to come to the rescue whenever discouragements were found. He placed the \$45,000 of bonds issued, taking \$17,500 himself. He furnished \$10,000 when he was last here to make good a deficit that threatened trouble, and when money was needed to furnish the house he again came to the front and met this requirement for more money. As the hotel now stands Mr. Latham has about \$65,000 invested in it, the total cost being something over \$100,000, including the bonded debt of \$45,000. Nothing was more appropriate than that the hotel should have been given Mr. Latham's name, for without his money and encouragement at every turn Hopkinsville could not for years have built such a magnificent hotel, which stands as the pride of the city and unsurpassed by any hotel in the South in the elegance of all its appointments.

THE FURNISHINGS SIMPLY SUPERB.

The elegance of the furnishings must be seen to be appreciated. Every bed room is carpeted with brussels carpets, the finest to be had. The corridors have velvet carpets and never a foot-fall is heard. The ordinary, the bridal chambers and parlors have carpets of Royal Wilton, that are perfect dreams of loveliness. These rooms are furnished in perfect taste and with a magnificence to compare with the elegant surroundings. One of the bridal chambers is finished in blue with white furniture, the other is pink with a brass bedstead and other furniture to match. The main parlor carpet is of a light color, the furniture of mahogany, including a fine Decker piano. It would require an artist to describe in detail all of the interior beauties of the house, room by room.

The hotel contains all told more than 100 rooms. There are 80 beds and 25 cots, giving the hotel a sleeping capacity of nearly 200, which can be still further increased without crowding. The building contains three full stories, besides basement rooms under the front and an attic story. The Virginia street front is 152 feet and the wings on Sixth and Seventh streets are 121 feet.

The hotel is centrally located, being one square east of the court house, and two squares north of Ninth street, the thoroughfare connecting the L. & N. and O. V. depots, which are five squares apart. It will be seen that it will be but a short walk from the hotel to the principal points in the city. It will be but one square to the court house, telegraph office, steam laundry and Main street business houses; two squares to the postoffice, express office and Tobacco Exchange; three squares to the Telephone Exchange office, KENTUCKIAN office, Tabernacle and Phoenix Hotel; four squares to the L. & N. depot, O. V. depot and tobacco warehouses.

The site is the one formerly occupied by the old Central Hotel, prior to the fire of 1882.

DESCRIPTION OF HOTEL LATHAM

The structure is designed and carried out in the Italian Renaissance style, which, being the apex of refinement and elegance, has in its magnificence appealed to the taste of the cultured people of the eastern cities, where it is now universally adopted for buildings of the character.

But few buildings have been carried out in this style south of the Ohio river, and the Hotel Latham will be known for some time as the handsomest hotel in Kentucky or Tennessee, if not in the entire South.

The material used in its construction is the finest and most extensive. A cut stone base of white granite, four feet high, runs around the entire building. The three fronts are faced with cream colored pressed brick of the finest make.

The profuse ornamentation of the exterior are carried out in terra cotta of elaborate designs, in color to harmonize with the tint of the brick.

The three stories are crowned with a large and well proportioned cornice, splendid in design and elaborate in detail. The roof, dotted over with tasty dormers and graceful finials, is executed in red slate. The harmony of colors produced by the blending of the cream wall surface with the soft red tint of the roof is a perfect dream.

In describing the interior of this structure, we must begin at the main entrance, which is in the center of the building on Virginia street, where it is flanked on each side with three magnificent store-rooms. The entrance itself is in the shape of a portico supporting the two upper stories which extend into the roof, this forming the central feature of the design, giving it character and dignity. The name of the building "Hotel Latham," is worked in relief in the ornamental panel of the frieze over the main entrance supported by fluted columns. Stepping through the vestibule we enter the spacious main corridor twenty five feet wide, which leads through a distance of fifty feet to the hotel office. From the side entrances in the center and the Sixth street and Seventh street fronts respectively, extend corridors in the rear of store rooms, connecting with the office and affording communication with each store room directly from the hotel office. The side entrance on Seventh street forms the ladies' entrance and has the ladies reception room on the right, fronting on Seventh street. The large sample rooms and reading room are in the Seventh street wing. The latter apartment has been furnished most elegantly with hardwood furniture in leather upholstery.

In the Sixth street wing are located the barber shop, with bath-room, toilet rooms, bar-room, cafe and billiard room. The office itself is furnished magnificently in hardwood, the paneled ceiling being supported by fluted columns with carved Corinthian capitals.

The wainscoting of the office and corridor is paneled oak; the floors of highly polished wood. From the office toward the right, connected with corridor from ladies' entrance, leads the grand stair to the second floor, where at the head is located the large dining room, which fronts on Seventh street. Back of the dining room towards the rear of building is the kitchen and the serving rooms. The dining room highly decorated is quite as handsome as is required to be in keeping with the other splendid appointments of the building.

The main parlor is located on the second floor in the center of the building, fronting on Virginia street, with private parlors on either side, which latter are connected with the bridal chambers. The whole suite extending clear across the Virginia street front. The balance of the second floor is taken up by single chambers and double rooms, some of the suits having private bath rooms. The entire third floor is laid out in guest rooms, single and "en suite." Bath room and toilet rooms are located on each floor.

The building is heated by steam and in addition has fire places in office, parlors and main rooms, to add to the cheerfulness of these apartments. The mantel in the office is very large and executed in carved wood. The balance of the mantels are all of hardwood.

The building is lighted by gas and electricity and the fixtures are exceptionally handsome in design and finish. With the furniture, carpets, hangings, etc., in keeping with the other appointments, this building as a hotel outshines anything in the South and gives Hopkinsville a hotel such as cities four or five times its size could be proud of.

The hotel is owned by a stock company in which Mr. John C. Latham, of New York, owns a controlling interest. It is from this wealthy New Yorker who has spent a proven lifetime in the hotel business in his native city and who has made it his home. The estimated cost of the building is \$75,000 and with the furniture the entire cost was \$100,000.

THE EATING DEPARTMENT.

The dining room is in the south wing and is the largest in the city. Continued on 5th page.

CREAM OF NEWS.

POST YOURSELF BY REALING
WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

Correspondent Killed at Paducah—Fire at Gracely—Inspectors Elected—A New Policeman—Other Newsy Items.

A Queer Case.

The colored man, Wm. Bell, who, it is alleged, was stabbed by Kit Ralls, a white man, in Clarksville on Christmas eve, died of his injuries Saturday. The case is rather a mysterious one. The two men fell out and eye witnesses say that Ralls walked up to Bell and gave him a shove. Nothing further occurred until Bell called to a friend and informed him that he had been cut. It is claimed, however, that Bell stated afterward that he would say nothing about the affair if Ralls would pay him fifty cents. Ralls, it seems, gave him the money, but denied cutting him. Bell was a musician and after the row played with a serenading party of which Ralls was a member. The next day he was forced to take his bed and died four days later. Ralls has left town and his whereabouts are unknown.

Meat House Burned

The smoke house and gear room belonging to Mr. Harry Clark, of the Gracely neighborhood, were destroyed by fire Sunday night entailing a loss of about \$400. Mr. Clark had 3000 lbs of meat, 1,500 pounds of flour, a lot of bran, several sets of good harness, three saddles and other valuables stored in the buildings. Before the fire was discovered Mr. Clark lighted a match and went into the gear room to get out some wagon harness preparatory to hauling ice the next morning and he thinks that it came in contact with some combustible material before the fire entirely died out and in this way caught. He had no insurance on any of the property consumed.

Inspectors Elected.

The Tobacco Board of Trade held its regular annual election of inspectors Tuesday. It was decided to elect three instead of four as heretofore. All of the old inspectors were candidates for re-election. Messrs. D. F. Smithson, N. A. Barnett, F. M. Byars were re-elected, Mr. Cortez Leavell being the unsuccessful candidate. Dr. W. G. Wheeler was elected president for the ensuing year, and Mr. T. B. Fairleigh was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Died For His Mother-in-law.

The Miller Hotel at Lancaster, Ky., burned Jan. 1 before day and Edward A. Pascoe, his baby and mother-in-law were burned to death. His wife only escaped. The husband helped her out first and returned for his mother-in-law but was unable to come out again.

Died From the Wound.

Howard Furdue, the Kansas City Sunday Sun reporter who was shot at Paducah Sunday by Monroe Bouysson for writing him up, died Tuesday from his wound. Bouysson has been jailed on a charge of murder.

Ferry Long in Trouble.

Perry Long, col., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Long was taken before Judge Hanbery Wednesday but not being ready for trial the case was continued until tomorrow morning.

New Policeman Elected.

The council on Tuesday night filled the existing vacancy on the police force, caused by the resignation of Percy McKee, by the election of J. Mack Cravens.

One Was Killed.

Railroad thieves were surprised at Fairfield, Iowa, by James Harrison, the railroad detective. Several shots were fired, two of which lodged in Harrison's leg and one struck a robber and killed him. The affair caused great excitement in that section.

Where Apples are Cheap.

Apples are plentiful and cheap on the Pacific coast. In Oregon, as in Maine, the crop is so large the farmers are not gathering the fruit, but allowing it to drop and rot. It is worth too little to make picking and packing profitable.

Cocoa Cats.

There is a breed of cats little known outside of Maine, and designated in that state as "coon" cats. Animals of this species are tortoise shell in color, and the fur is remarkably thick and long, the tail being bushy as to suggest that of a young fox.